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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gerald A. GUTER, et al.
Title: BIO DEGRADATION OF
OXYANIONS SUCH AS
PERCHLORATE ON ION
EXCHANGE RESINS
Appl. No.: 10/789,432
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 26, 2006. Restriction has been imposed. We elect to prosecute claims 1-30 which make up Group I, at this time.

Also submitted are the Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR §1.56 and Form PTO-1449 including references for the above-identified application

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

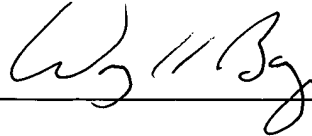
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Respectfully submitted,

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